

national tobacco control legislation. As we write these lines, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has also followed the suite. All these efforts were culminated by signing the international tobacco control treaty (The WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control) also known as FCTC by three of the seven GCC states (Kuwait, Qatar, and Yemen).

Unfortunately, Tobacco companies play a very strong role in attracting young people in Oman to smoke and still controlling the markets. (promotional activities and advertisements)

The authors recommend the following:

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2. Creation of wide anti-smoking campaigns to focus on prevention of smoking for adolescents.
3. Design and implement cessation program for school based adolescent tailored counseling program and make this more accessible for everyone who wish to quit.
4. Intervention strategies to increase awareness of adults especially parents about the harmful effects of smoking on themselves and their children.
5. Reducing youth access to tobacco products through enforcement of legislations that prevent minors from purchasing cigarettes and other tobacco products and that ban advertisement in mass media.
6. Better use of mass media to increase awareness of the community about the harmful effects of tobacco smoking especially other tobacco products.
7. Further increase in Tobacco taxes.

GYTS should be repeated every 3 years as recommended by WHO and it should be an integral part of the school based surveillance system. This will provide a more comprehensive picture of tobacco- using behavior and related determinants among youth.

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